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SUMMARY

While an election has been made, it is believed that the claims do not represent distinctive species under 35 USC § 121 and a reconsideration of the election/restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

It is requested that, if claim 1 is found allowable, all the claims be allowed as effectively or directly dependent on claim 1 or coextensive in scope therewith.

As this response has been timely filed within the set period of response, no petition for extension of time or associated fee is required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the fees provided to Deposit Account No. 09-0441.

If it is felt that an interview would expedite prosecution of this application, please do not hesitate to contact applicants' representative at the below number.

Respectfully submitted,

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